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MINUTES.

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, PICKENS COUNTY, ALA.,

September 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 1888.

Elder S. Hildreth, Moderator.
Elder H. S. Chappelle, Clerk.

The next session will be held with Big Creek Church, Pickens County, Alabama, commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1889.

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MINUTES.

The Fifty-Third Annual Session of the UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was held with the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pickens County, Ala., commencing Saturday, September 22, 1888. At 10 o'clock A. M. the Moderator, Elder S. Hildreth, called the body to order and the session was opened with prayer.

Brethren J. H. Stinson and W. G. Robertson were requested to read the letters from the churches, and the names of delegates were enrolled, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—D O Baird, T B Branch, A P Woolbright. Liberty—J J Lee, J W Harris, U C Funderburk. Mt. Pleasant—Joshua Hall, Joseph Lancaster,* B W Williams.* Fellowship—J A Crocker, B F Johnson,* B Pearson. Corinth—F R Gallant, A M Mills, J A Mitchell.* Flat Woods—J S Shirley, B F Plowman, John Jordan.* Spring Hill, Lamar Co.—J T Blalock, B S Blalock,* Sam'l. Brewton.* Millport—O F McAdams, W C Williams, A P Bobbit.* Kennedy—S W Vice, W T Walker, W McCollough. New Salem—J A Estes, J J Harper, T J Lowe.

SECOND DISTRICT.

McBee—J W Simpson, M J Duncan,* B M Price.* Arbor Spring—T S Wilkins, J T Keating, Judge Bonner.* Mineral Spring—Wm. Manning, J W Cox, A L Coward. South Carolina—Not represented. Oak Ridge—H L Williams, W H Copeland,* J B Moore.* Spring Hill, Pickens—J P Lee, J H Stinson, C D Harper, J T Reteer.* Hebron—J A Pearson, B M Fason, J A Goree.* Big Creek—H B Chappelle, U E Allen, J H Jordan,* W P Chappelle.* Cross Roads—W D Allen, J H Taylor,* Hiram Harrell.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

Pickensville—Elder S Hildreth, E P Ezell, Miss Lillie Hildreth, W O Kelsey.* Carrollton—J H Curry, D C Hodo, W G Robertson, I R Hinton.* Ebenezer—J Hollingsworth, J J Noland,* E H Noland.* Unity—E Easterling, N N Maughan, J E Corder,* Enon—H B Chappelle, Jr., T T Atteberry, A A Ball. Mt. Zion—Not represented. Prairie—W C Mayes, M B Taylor, W S Parks.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Forest—I Teer, Jno. Upchurch, J L Marquis. Shiloh—Not represented. Chalcedony—J D Hamner, J R Strickland,* W C Lancaster,* J W Channel.* Beulah—S S Thornton, C W Thornton, T L Pearson. Bethel—M M Wood, J L Ray, Wm Barton, G A Stewart,* J W Park.* New Hope—J M Smith. Zion—J H Pate, T M Pate, Morris Pate.* Nazareth—A D Jones, J F Marlow, R Marlow.* Grant's Creek—J C Foster, R M Hill, N G Holly,* R H Foster.*

On motion, Elder D. O. Baird was appointed to preach Introductory Sermon in Baptist Church, and M. M. Wood preach at same hour at Methodist Church, as the appointee and alternate were absent.

On motion, adjourned for preaching.

2. P. M. The Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by brother J. M. Smith.

The Association was organized by the re-election of Elder S. Hildreth, Moderator, and H. B. Chappelle, Clerk.

On motion, adopted order of business as prepared by committee and proceedings conducted accordingly.

1. Received correspondence:

From Sunday School Convention—W G Robertson, J H Stinson.

From the Tuskaloosa—On motion Elder J. M. Chism was received as messenger. *From the Columbus* .... *From the Bigbee*.....

Returned correspondence:

To the Tuskaloosa—To convene with the .... church, Tuesday before 2nd Sabbath in September, 1889, J P Parks, J L Ray, J C Foster, F. R. Gallant, R M Hill.

To the Bigbee—To convene with the ..... church, Thursday before 2nd Sabbath in September, 1889, M M Wood, W C Mayes.

To the Columbus—To convene with the ..... church, Friday before 2nd Sabbath in September, 1889, J H Curry, S Hildreth, J P Lee.

To the Alabama State Convention—To convene Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in November, 1889, Selma, Ala., J H Curry, D C Hodo, W G Robertson, W C Mayes, M M Wood, M G Lofton, M B Taylor.

Received Elder J C Foster as special agent for Foreign Mission Board, Elder M M Wood, Home Mission Board, and W G Robertson, Board of Ministerial Education.

Miscellaneous Business—A petitionary letter was received from New Salem church, constituted since the last session of the Association, which on motion, was received and by request assigned to First District.

2. Appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercises—U E Allen, J M Smith, Wm. McCollough, with pastor and deacons of Bethlehem church.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—J J Lee, J J Pearson, E Easterling, J L Marquis.

Publications—John Upchurch, R M Hill, E P Ezell, J J Noland.

Nominations—C D Harper, J W Cox, J T Keating, W C Mayes.

Apportionment of the Churches—S W Vice, J H Stinson, E Easterling, J M Smith.

Correspondence—J A Mitchell, D C Hodo.

Documents- H B Chappelle, Jr., I Teer, F R Gallant, Wm. Manning.

Deceased Deacons--W C Williams, H L Williams, J W Park, T M Pate.

Finance--D C Hodo, J H Stinson, T T Atteberry.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bible and Colportage Work--W G Robertson, J C B Johnson, J W Harris.

Sabbath Schools—S S Thornton, W M Rhodes, James Mills, J T Blalock.

Temperance—L M Stone, W H Copeland, J R Long, A Butler.

Education—T G Williams, J J Noland, B F Plowman, E J Daffin.

Missions--J T Smith, G A Stewart, J A Goree, J W Cox.

Church Building—R H Foster, W B S Beard, A A Ball.

Order of Business—M B Curry, J E McGee.

On motion, a committee was appointed on Church Building, to report at this session, viz: M. M. Wood, M. G. Lofton, W. G. Robertson.

3. Report on Bible and Colportage Work was received and adopted:

4. Call for Circular Letter. The writer being absent the following committee was appointed to receive it, if written, viz: M. G. Lofton, U. E. Allen, H. B. Chappelle.

5. Report of District Meetings:

First District.—The next annual meeting will be held with Spring Hill church, Lamar County, Alabama, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1889. Introductory Sermon by Eld. J. S. Shirley; alternate Elder D. O. Baird. Missionary Sermon by Eld. J. W. Dunaway; Alternate, Elder W. J. Beaty.

Queries—1. Should a church compel her members to attend at regular conferences, especially her deacons? The following queries were discussed and answered at our last meeting, viz: Is it a violation of Scripture to ordain an unmarried man to the office of deacon? *Answered*—It is not. 2. What should be done with a church member who signs a petition to sell intoxicating liquors? *Answered*—Said member should be dealt with by his church the same as for other offenses.

Second District—The next meeting will convene with New Arbor Springs church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in August 1889. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. A. Estes; alternate H. B. Chappelle. Missionary Sermon by Elder D. O. Baird; alternate J. P. Lee. *Queries*—1. Was there pain or death before the fall? 2. To whom were the ordinances delivered; to the church or to the ministry? 3. Do the scriptures teach the intercommunion of Baptist Churches? 4. Has a member of the church who dances a right to extend the right hand of christian or church fellowship? *Essay*—Will the second advent of Christ be pre or post millenial? Read by Elder M. G. Lofton.

Third District—Next Annual meeting will be held with Enon church, Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in June, 1889. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. G. Thornton; alternate, S. Hildreth. Missionary Sermon by Elder M. G. Lofton; alternate, J. H. Curry.

Fourth District—The next annual session will be held with Beulah church, Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in August, 1889. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. C. Foster; alternate, J. D. Hamner. Missionary Sermon, Elder M. M. Wood; alternate, J. L. Ray. *Queries*—1. What is it to witness for Christ? Opened by brethren J. P. Barnett and J. A. Maharry. 2. Why should we commune? Opened by brethren R. H. Foster and J. L. Marquis.

6. Excused brother W. G. Robertson until Monday morning to report on education.

7. The Clerk was requested to purchase 100 blank Associational letters and distribute to the churches in time for next session of Association.

8. On motion, the Association resolved itself into committee on the state of religion in the churches.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. H. Curry.

SABBATH.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder J. L. Ray.

9. Report on Missions read, and pending discussion adjourned for Missionary Sermon. NOTE—Elder M. M. Wood preached in Baptist church and J. H. Curry in Methodist church at same hour to large and attentive congregations.

P. M. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by H. B. Chappelle. Resumed discussion of report on Missions and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report: The work of spreading the gospel in all the world is at present divided into three departments, denominated respectively, Foreign Missions, Home Missions and State Missions. Over each of these departments fifteen of our wisest and best brethren are appointed as a Board of Managers, whose duty it is to see that all money collected for the spread of the gospel is faithfully and economically applied to that end. This work they faithfully perform without one cent of remuneration.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Managers of Foreign Missions is located at Richmond, Va. with H. H. Harris, D. D., as president and H. A. Tupper, D. D., as corresponding secretary. From its last annual report we gather the following facts:

1. *As to the fields occupied.* We now have Missionaries in Mexico, South America, Africa, Italy and China.

2. *As to the Missionaries employed.* In Mexico there are 19, in South America 14, in Africa 15, in Italy 15, and in China 52: in all 115, employed for a part or all of their time. These men and women, many of them natives, spend their time in preaching, visiting, distributing bibles, testaments, and religious tracts. They have baptized 336 persons and collected on their fields $1,296.58.

3. Expended during the year on these fields $68,814.73. Of this amount Alabama gave $3,913.59, less by $122.16 than we gave the year before.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of Managers of Home Missions is located at Atlanta, Ga., with John D. Stewart as president and I. T. Tichenor as corresponding secretary. From its last annual report we gather the following facts:

1. *As to the field occupied.* We are doing work through this Board in fourteen States and Territories in the South and West, in the United States and the island of Cuba.

2. *As to the Missionaries employed.* In these fields we have 287 men and women, 17 of whom are in Cuba.

3. *As to work done.* These servants of the Master have done 10,739 weeks of service; preached 38,868 sermons to 1,114 churches and mission stations; baptized 4,857 persons; received into churches by letter 2,639; constituted 306 churches; built 64 houses of worship; made 47,610 religious visits, and distributed 1,779 bibles and testaments.

4. *We have expended on these fields* $58,080, of which amount Alabama gave $2,817.97, $514.49 less than we gave the year before.

STATE MISSIONS.

The Board of Managers of State Missions or Missions in this State is located at Selma, Ala., with J. M. Frost, D. D., of Selma as president and W. B. Crumpton of Marion as secretary.

1. This Board is confined within the limits of the State. The principle part of its work is done in the northern part.

2. *As to Missionaries employed.* There were 76 for all or a part of their time.

3. *As to work done.* These soldiers of the cross have labored 674 weeks, traveled 32,153 miles, preached 2,737 sermons, made 657 addresses, 6,024 religious visits, constituted 18 churches, baptized 739, received by letter 427, began 24 houses of worship, finished 4, and gave away 338 bibles and testaments.

4. *On this work was expended* $8,668.31. A very small sum for so much work.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

There have been employed by us through these three boards, for a part or all of their time, 478 Missionaries who have rendered about 16,600 weeks of service, during which time they have preached over 36,605 sermons, made over 53,634 religious visits, constituted about 330 churches, baptized 5,932, received by letter 3,066, distributed largely over 2,117 bibles and testaments, established schools and colleges, printing houses, and numberless ways set in motion influences that will bless mankind and glorify God forever.

This is the work, which you, by your prayers and contributions, have been doing the past year. The sun never sets on your work. The future is big with promises. God has said of His word, "it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." He has said to us, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The cry comes from every part of our field "send us more Missionaries." Brethren, we have the gospel, shall we give it to them? Will *you* help?

We venture the following suggestions:

1. That our pastors keep themselves and their churches informed about our mission work.

2. That the churches use Bro. Crumpton's envelopes and take up collections at least quarterly.

3. That the Executive Board be instructed to spend not more than $25 of our Mission money in circulating missionary literature on our Foreign, Home and State work, in the Association during the incoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. WOOD, Chm.

Report on Sabbath Schools discussed and adopted:

In our last S. S. Convention we had 33 Schools, represented with over 1,709 teachers and pupils. We think that the interest in Sabbath Schools is still increasing in our bounds and a greater activity manifested in many of the churches in this work. We urge upon our churches the great importance of co-operating in this great and grand work of enlightening the young and old in the study of God's Word.

J. D. HAMNER, Chm.

On motion, a special committee was appointed to report on to-morrow a memorial of our esteemed brother, Elder J. L. West, viz: J. H. Stinson, J. H. Curry, U. E. Allen. Adjourned. Prayer by J. H. Curry.

MONDAY.

9 A. M. Association met. Prayer by Elder J. D. Hamner and J. L. Ray.

On motion of Elder J. C. Foster, the second article of Constitution was amended so as to read as follows:

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, which shall have the privilege of engaging in benevolent operations, for the purpose of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the furtherance of Christ's cause on earth. And also in advancing the cause of education, temperance, and anything that may tend to ameliorate the condition of mankind—in these the churches and individual members are left free; and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

The 11th Article of Faith amended to read as follows:

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only fit subjects of Baptism; that nothing but immersion of the subject in water is BAPTISM; and that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

And also amended "Rules of Decorum" by adding Article 15:

15. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator, at his discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

10 Report of Executive Board, adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your committee, after due consideration, decided that assistance afforded needy churches would be the most practical method, and result in permanent good to the cause; that aid in procuring good pastors and regular preaching would strengthen and build up struggling churches, and in a few years get them in good working order and on a self-supporting basis. In accordance with this decision we secured the services of Elder J. W. Dunaway at McBee, and Spring Hill (Lamar Co.) churches, who was recommended to and appointed by the State Board to this work as well as to such general evangelistic work he might be able to perform. We aided McBee church to the extent of $50 and Spring Hill $25. Bro. Dunaway entered upon the work early in the year and was heartily received by the churches, and, as his report will show, has more than fulfilled our expectations. He also accepted the pastorates of Millport and Kennedy churches, which desired no help, but the assistance given to the churches named enabled him to be more efficient in the field he occupied. Aid in building new meeting houses has been given to a limited extent. We think this an important feature

and ought to be encouraged. The Secretary's report will give a detailed account of the operations of the Board. We recommend that hereafter the Board be composed of one from each church in the Association, and that three shall constitute a quorum. The work by all means should be prosecuted with unabated zeal, and may the Lord bless the labors of his people. With profound sorrow we are called upon to mourn the death of our beloved brother, and President of our Board, Clarke Richey, who by his zeal and prudent counsel has given much efficiency to the labors of the Board.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Sec. U. E. ALLEN, Chm.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Union Baptist Association for 1888.

CHURCHES.	General Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education	Indigent Ministers.	Church Building.	Total.
Fellowship	8.00							8.00
Bethlehem		1.75						1.75
Liberty	10.00			6.25	3.00			19.25
Mt. Pleasant				.45				.45
Corinth	12.00							12.00
Flat Woods		1.10		2.25				3.35
Spring Hill, Lamar County	3.50							3.50
Millport								
Kennedy		6.00						6.00
McBee	1.50							1.50
Arbor Spring								
New Salem								
Mineral Spring							5.00	5.00
South Carolina	5.00							5.00
Oak Ridge		7.55	4.75	7.55		- -	1.70	21.55
Spring Hill, Pickens County	6.35					- -		6 35
Hebron	12.00				5.10	- -		17.10
Big Creek	10.80		1.00	1.00		- -	2.15	14.95
Cross Roads	1.35					- -		1.35
Pickensville	35.00					- -	10.00	45.00
Carrollton	34.70		2.50	2.50	15.30	- -	22.80	77.80
Ebenezer		7.50				- -		7.50
Unity	12.00	11.50			2.50	- -		26.00
Enon	18.85				3.10	- -		25 15
Mt. Zion	2.20					- -	3.20	2.20
Prairie		7.00		5.00	1.00	.45		13.45
Forest		5.45			2.75			9.25
Shiloh	5.00						1.05	5.00
Chalcedony		5.00						5.00
Nazareth		1.85						1.85
Beulah	40.00							62.00
Bethel	6.00		10.70	7.50	15.00		22.00	39.20
New Hope								3.50
Zion		4.70					3.50	4.70
Grant's Creek	14.90		9.75	15.35	13.40			61.60
Collection Sabbath	35.85			11.95			7.60	35.85
Special Collection						16 15		16.15
Bro. Daffin's little boys				.15				.15
Second District	6.40							6.40
Third District	12.30		1.00					13.30
Fourth District	25.00							25.00
Total	318.70	59.40	29.70	48.00	61.15	16.60	79.00	612.55

This statement includes amount paid over by the Treasurer of the Association, and also some sent direct to the various boards.

RECAPITULATION.

Oct. 8—To balance on hand last report—Gen. Fund		$100 00
To Sundry receipts, churches—general fund	$216 35	
" Treasurer Union Association—State	51 95	
" " " general fund	188 80	
" Sundry receipts, churches—Home Missions	21 75	
" Tr Union Association, " "	7 95	
" Sundry receipts, churches—Foreign Missions	26 35	
" Tr. Union Association " "	21 65	
" Sundry receipts, Ministerial Education	54 65	
" Tr Union Association " "	6 50	
" Indigent Ministers, Tr. Association	16 60	
		612 55
		$712 55

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By paid Elder J. W. Dunaway, pastor McBee	$50 00	
" " " " Spring Hill (L. C)	25 00	
" " " " Evangelist, 1 mo	40 00	
" " Millport, meeting house	79 00	
" " Foreign Missions, heretofore	26 50	
" " " " this date	50 00	
" " Home " heretofore	21 75	
" " " " this date	50 00	
" " Ministerial Education, heretofore	54 65	
" " " " this date	40 00	
" " Indigent Ministers heretofore	15 95	
" " " " this date	10 00	
" " Bible and Colportage "	5 00	
" " Church Building Board "	20 00	
" " State Board, heretofore	7 45	
" " " " this date	150 00	
" " Circulars, postage and stationery	5 37	
		$650 00

Balance on hand—General Fund $61 68

W. G. ROBERTSON, Treas. Ex. Board.

11. Report on Temperance discussed and adopted:

We yonr committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report adopted by the Alabama Baptist State Convention of 1888.

D. O. BAIRD, Chm.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the scriptural indulgence of natural appetites, and any indulgence of acquired taste is prohibited in the word of God, and would more properly be described in a report on prohibition.

No individual can be temperate in the use of tobacco, be he ever so moderate, because the habit is acquired and not natural.

No one can be temperate in the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, because it is yielding to the insidious demands of an unnatural taste.

No one can be temperate in stealing, for God's word says, "Thou shalt not steal."

No one can be temperate in profaning God's name.

We have given the above definition of temperance as a premise, feeling that it justifies the conclusion reached—that what this Convention expects of this committee, judging from former reports made by like committees, is a report on prohibition and not on temperance.

We recognize the fact that there are many practices indulged in to-day, which are prohibited in the word of God, but we propose to address ourselves to the greatest of all evils, to-wit, the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

Ought Alabama to prohibit the manufacture, importation, and sale of ardent spirits to be used as a beverage?

We most certainly think she ought.

We believe the word of God teaches that governments are ordained of God for the protection of the governed.

The State of Alabama bears the same relation to its subjects that the father does to his children or household, and when any evil becomes so prevalent as to endanger the moral development of its citizens, it is as much the duty and obligation of the State to abolish such evil as the father to subdue or suppress any evil temptation which infests the domestic circle of his home.

The preamble to the constitution plainly discloses that one of the express objects of its mission is to insure domestic tranquility and promote the general interest of its subjects.

Total abstinence from the use of alcoholic stimulants most certainly secures and insures domestic tranquility and promotes the general welfare of individuals, neighborhoods, and governments.

Whatever promotes the welfare of individuals, will promote the welfare of States and Nations, for Nations are made up of States, and States of individuals.

Abstinence from strong drink fortifies and protects one from the wiles of numerous sins and temptations and commends to the favorable and kind consideration and appreciative community, gives prominence in society, secures the confidence and support of associates, ingratiates into the favor and good will of all right thinking people.

Total abstinence transforms the miserable and dark hovel into a bright and happy home, banishes from the minds of mothers and wives gloom and dispair and plants instead the hope of peace and prosperity. Instead of the painful watchings, the joyous anticipation of a happy return at evening tide; instead of the inexpressible sadness which fills the mother's heart and mind as she sees her boy leave the home of his childhood to go out and battle with the sterner realities of life, will be the bouyant hope that he will play well the role of a man, sober, tried and true.

Can we prescribe an infallible remedy by which such glorious results can be secured?

We answer, by constitutional prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of ardent spirits.

We would say right here that it is our opinion that instead of prohibition being unconstitutional, the law which defeats the prohibition of any evil is itself unconstitutional.

Law, under the constitution, is to protect the individual in life, property, and in the pursuit of happiness.

The whisky man boasts that his business is honorable because it is legalized—that is lawful.

Every privilege exercised, guaranteed to him by the law of which he boasts, clearly and unmistakably defeats that protection of life, property, and happiness which the constitution promises its subjects.

Nothing short of the withdrawal of these privileges from the wine vender will meet the obligations which rest upon the Christian people of the nineteenth century.

12. Report of Committee on Publications adopted:

Your committee would recommend first the Bible, as it is our only guide of faith and practice. We recommend the *Alabama Baptist* as the organ of our denomination, which should be in every baptist family in the State. We would recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* published at Richmond, Va. The *Home Field* is a good denominational journal and should be encouraged by baptists everywhere. *Kind Words*, the *Gem* of Sunday School literature and the property of the Southern Baptist Convention deserves our support and should be used and encouraged by pastors and superintendents of our churches and schools. We would impress it upon parents, to look well to the literature that their children use, that their young minds and hearts may not become contaminated by trashy periodicals.

E. P. EZELL, Chm.

13. Report on Nominations, adopted:

The next Introductory Sermon by Elder J. G. Thornton; alternate Eld. J. D. Hamner. Missionary Sermon by Elder D. O. Baird; alternate Elder M. M. Wood. The next Circular Letter to be written by Eld. J. H. Curry, subject: To what extent should christain people give of their means for the spread of the gospel. The next session of the Union Baptist Association will be held with Big Creek church, Pickens county, Ala., commencing Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1889, at 10 a. m.

C. D. HARPER, Chm.

14. Received report of committee on Apportionment of the churches; adopted as follows:

Bethlehem	$12 50	Amount brought forward	189 00
Liberty	12 50	Cross Roads	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00	Pickensville	30 00
Millport	8 00	Carrollton	50 00
Flat Woods	12 50	Ebenezer	8 00
Fellowship	10 00	Unity	15 00
Corinth	15 00	Enon	25 00
Spring Hill, Lamar county	10 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Kennedy	10 00	Prairie	10 00
New Salem	5 00	Forest	25 00
McBee	10 00	Shiloh	5 00
Arbor Spring	10 00	Chalcedony	5 00
Mineral Spring	12 00	Nazareth	5 00
South Carolina	5 00	Beulah	45 00
Oak Ridge	12 00	Bethel	45 00
Spring Hill, Pickens county	12 00	New Hope	15 00
Hebron	12 50	Zion	5 00
Big Creek	10 00	Grant's Creek	50 00
	189 00	Total	$542 00

S. W. VICE, Chm.

14. Report of committee on Deceased Deacons; adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED DEACONS.

Your committee report: That since our last meeting our dearly beloved, and much lamented brother, Clark Richey, has been called from time to eternity. He was born in Pickens county, Alabama, April 8, 1832; joined Enon Baptist church July 26, 1854; married Miss Annie E. Ball, Dec. 12, 1855; ordained a deacon the first Lord's day in May, 1860; died Feb. 28, 1888. He was a faithful and consistent member of this church for nearly 34 years; 28 years of which time he was an earnest and efficient deacon. He was a quiet, peacable, unassuming man of God. By his prudence, zeal, and brotherly kindness he assisted his pastor in his work. His heart was ever glowing with the love of God, and a yearning for the salvation of sinners. Bro. Richey was a humble and devoted christain, a kind husband, and an indulgent father. He died as he had lived, sustained by the precious hope of a blessed immortality.

H. L. WILLIAMS, Chm.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

2 P. M. Association met. Prayer by deacon J. H. Stinson.

15. Report of special committee on Elder J. L. West, deceased, adopted:

TRIBUTE TO ELDER JOHN L. WEST.

Bro. West was born Dec. 4, 1848, in Union District, S. C.; joined the Oak Ridge Baptist church of this Association Sept. 13th, 1867; was licensed to preach Oct. 2nd, 1869, and ordained Feb. 1871; married Mary E. Holmes in 1876, by whom he had six children; and died, near Marion, Ala., Aug. 17, 1888.

On motion the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call our beloved brother from labor on earth to rest in Heaven, therefore be it Resolved, That we humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well; and fondly remember his noble,

self-sacrificing spirit; his manly and christain deportment and his zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of Christ; that he was an earnest seeker after knowledge by which he might prove himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; that we are grateful to God for having been an instrument in aiding brother West in his laudable efforts to obtain an education; that we watched his course with much anxiety, and rejoiced at the many evidences we had of his success in the cause of our Master.

RESOLVED 2nd, That we pray God's blessings upon the bereaved family while on earth, and that all may be happily united in the Saints' everlasting rest.

RESOLVED 3rd, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication; and that a copy, each, be sent to the widow, and parents of the deceased. J. C. FOSTER, Chm.

16. Report of committee appointed last session to visit and report condition of certain churches; adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT CHURCHES.

We your committee appointed to visit Temple Hill, Antioch, South Carolina, Cross Roads, and Pleasant Grove churches, report, That Temple Hill, Antioch, and Pleasant Grove churches have dissolved, and the membership gone into other churches.

Cross Roads has been destitute of preaching for some time, having no regular pastor, and no house of worship. But, now, they have a neat framed house, and have had recently a gracious revival, and the addition of nineteen members. They have called a pastor, and can pay for his services about thirty-five dollars. We respectfully ask that the Executive Board supplement this amount, by at least thirty dollars, to enable them secure the services of a suitable minister.

South Carolina, has no regular preaching—has a weekly prayer meeting, poorly attended. There are twenty-one members living within reach of the church. They have a good house and desire to have a pastor, and can pay about fifty dollars towards his support. Brother G. M. Lyles as one of a committee appointed by the Association in Sept. 1886, visited this church and was chosen pastor, and put the church to work but died shortly after and they have had but little preaching since. This church appointed brethern J. T. Hancock and F. P. Adams delegates to the session of 1886 of this body. The committee appointed by the Association reported no church in existence at the same session. This created the necessity for another committee to inquire into the regularity of this church. We your committee would very respectfully report this church out of order. This church has received members of another Baptist church, into their communion without letters from which they have been excluded. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the Association, and that ———, Bethlehem, and Mineral Springs churches be requested to meet with said committee at said church and confer with them in the adjustment of this matter. In the event this is satisfactorily arranged, we recommend that the Executive Board pay twenty-five dollars towards securing preaching at this church for the next Associational year. J. H. CURRY, Chm.

J. H. Curry, J. P. Lee, H. L. Williams were appointed as committee in accordance to suggestion of report.

17. Report on Indigent Ministers; adopted:

Your committee would report that we find Elder R. B. Wilkins to be an aged and infirm minister. He has done much service in the Master's cause. His wife is also infirm and afflicted. We therefore recommend a favorable consideration of brother Wilkins. J. J. LEE, Chm.

NOTE—$16.15 was raised by the delegates present and paid brother J. W. Harris for Elder R. B. Wilkins.

18. Report on Education was read and pending its adoption, the following resolution was offered and adopted—Resolved: That we earnestly request the pastors to take up a collection for

benefit of Howard College building the first meeting in December at each of their respective churches. After which, report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education submit the following report: This is a subject in which every man, woman and child is deeply concerned; it is that by which we are to be prepared to effectually perform and do those things that will make us wise, great and good as individuals and as a people. Our Creator has endowed us with minds capable of grasping and comprehending and utilizing for good the wonders of His creation; and by which we may more perfectly discover and understand those things that bring us light, life and salvation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We beg to quote a paragraph from the minutes of our State Convention, viz: "Primary schools, high schools and academies, scattered as they are over every county in Alabama, constitute much the largest part of all our educational facilities; and if we would do our whole duty, as one of the leading Christian denominations of this great commonwealth, we must do our full share in the teaching, management and control of these schools."

While we do not undervalue or put obstacles in the way of, or in any manner discourage, State schools yet we feel it our duty to direct your attention to those grand schools, Howard College and Judson Female Institute, the pride of Alabama baptists, as well deserving the sympathy and support of the denomination.

Howard College, as you well know, has been removed and settled at East Lake. The last session, although environed with all the difficulties and obstacles incident to the removal was one of gratifying success. The matriculations during the year were 157, the largest, save one, since the war, and the prospect for the ensuing session full of encouragement. Dr. B. F. Riley, its new president, has inspired fresh zeal and courage, and we have every reason to believe that it will not be long before we will have one of the grandest institutions in all the South. A special feature of the College is the education and training of ministerial students, 26 of which attended last year, who were mostly supported by the denomination. The effort to construct the College building and secure an endowment should receive our hearty support. We commend to your favorable consideration the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

The Judson, for the education of our daughters, cannot be surpassed, and ought to be crowded every year with Baptist girls. The Central Female College at Tuskaloosa, under the Presidency of Prof. Sumner B. Foster, is an institution of a high order and deserves liberal patronage. We cannot do too much for these institutions of learning as well as the cause of education generally. W. G. ROBERTSON, Chm.

19. Report of committee on Documents; adopted:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We have examined the letters from the churches, and find that most of them have enjoyed precious revivals since our last session. We have received during the year 141 by baptism. We find that South Carolina and Shiloh have not been represented. New Salem baptist church has been organized with 19 members, which has been received as a member of this body and placed in the first district.

H. B. CHAPPELLE, Jr., Chm.

20. Report of committee on Finance read and adopted:

We have received from the churches as follows:

For Minutes	$ 63.25	Amount brought forward	335.40
" Association	23.45	For Foreign Missions	21.65
" State Missions	51.95	" Indigent Ministers	.45
" General Missions	188.80	" Ministerial Education	6.50
Home Missions	7.95		
	335.40		364.00

21. Report of committee on Church Building, adopted:

REPORT ON CHURCH BUILDING.

Your Committee on Church Building beg leave to submit the following report: For several years there has been a growing demand from weak churches for assistance in building houses of worship. The State Convention at its session held in Talladega in July, in response to this demand, appointed a Board of Church Building, which is located at Anniston, Ala., with G. A. Nunnally as secretary, whose business it is to raise money and assist worthy applicants for assistance.

We recommend this Board to the confidence and hearty support of the churches; and that they be requested, as early as practicable, to take a special collection for the purpose of aiding New Salem church in building a meeting house.

M. M. WOOD, Chm.

22. Called the roll and marked absentees. On motion; Resolved, That we extend our most hearty thanks to Bethlehem church and citizens for the hospitality extended us during this session– hospitality exceptionally kind and complete in its care and attention; and to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship, and in passing this resolution we pray God's richest, spiritual and temporal blessings to rest upon the church and community.

The following Executive Board was appointed for ensuing year, viz:

Bethlehem, T. B. Branch; Liberty, John W. Harris; Mt. Pleasant, W. B. Hicks; Corinth, Jas. A. Mitchell; Flat Woods, J. J. Locke; Spring Hill, L. C., J. R. Goodman; Millport, W. C. Williams; Kennedy, S. W. Vice; McBee, W. M. Rhodes; Arbor Spring, T. J. McCrary; New Salem, J. A. Estes; Mineral Spring, John W. Cox; South Carolina, J. M. Gentry; Oak Ridge, H. L. Williams; Spring Hill, P. C., C. D. Harper; Hebron, J. A. Goree; Cross Roads, W. D. Allen; Pickensville, Jno. R. Long; Big Creek, U. E. Allen; Carrollton, W. G. Robertson; Ebenezer, E. H. Noland; Unity, J. E. Corder; Enon, H. B. Chappelle, Jr.; Mt. Zion, James Noland; Prairie, W. C. Mayes; Forest, John Upchurch; Shiloh, A. P. Smith; Chalcedony, J. R. Strickland; Nazareth, R. Marlow; Beulah, J. T. Smith; Bethel, R. D. Lucius; New Hope, J. M. Smith; Zion, T. M. Pate; Grant's Creek, R. H. Foster.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes, pay over the Mission fund to the Treasurer of the Executive Board, and retain $25 for his services.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have the Minutes printed by 1st November ensuing.

On motion, adjourned. The parting hand was given and prayer was offered by Elder J. C. Foster.

H. B. CHAPPELLE, Clerk. S. HILDRETH, Moderator.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Secretary and Treasurer,

1887.		*In account with S. S. Convention:*	
July 31.	To balance on hand last report	$44 53	
	" amount collected as per report	50 72	
1888.			
July 25.	" amount sent up by schools	26 15	
	" " collected on Sabbath	29 15	150.55
	CR.		
"	By disbursements per report to date		78.18
Balance on hand			$72.37

STATISTICS OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis by L	Restored	Exclud.	Dec'd.	Males.	Females	Total Members	Minutes.	Association.	Total.	MEETS	PASTORS.	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Bethlehem	2	1	5	..	..	3	24	39	63	$ 2 00	50	2 50	3	D. O. Baird	T. B Branch, Coalfire, Ala.
Liberty	..	6	6	2	..	1	31	64	95	2 00	50	2 50	4	W. J. Beaty	J. W. Harris, Reform, Ala.
Mt. Pleasant	..	..	10	2	1	2	10	24	34	1 50	50	2 00	2	J. S. Shirley	B. W. Williams, Gordo.
Fellowship	5	5	1	..	1	..	32	35	67	2 00	50	2 50	1	W. J. Beaty	R F Johnson, Reform, ,,
Corinth	2	1	5	1	1	1	29	45	74	2 45	50	2 95	4	E. S Hodge	J. A. Mitchell, Northport.
Flat Woods	..	..	..	..	1	..	23	35	58	1 00	50	1 50	3	J. H. M. Anders	B. F. Plowman, Temple.
Spring Hill, L	15	1	8	1	2	2	27	57	84	1 50	50	2 00	2	J. W. Dunaway	L. H. Hendrix, Gentry,
Millport	3	2	..	..	..	..	9	15	24	1 00	3 00	4 00	4	J. W. Dunaway	W. C. Williams, Millport.
Kennedy's Sta	4	5	..	..	1	..	18	21	40	1 50	50	2 00	1	J. W. Dunaway	A T Rushing, Kennedy's ,,
New Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	10	18	1 00	45	1 45	..	J. A. Estes	W. A. Estes,
McBee Creek	14	9	..	..	..	1	13	19	32	1 50	50	2 00	3	J. W. Dunaway	W. M. Rhodes. Millport,
Arbor Spring	8	2	24	2	..	..	30	40	70	2 00	50	2 50	1	J. A. Estes	T. J. McCrary, Palmetto,
Mineral Spring	3	..	5	..	..	4	29	35	64	2 00	1 00	3 00	1	J. W. Dunaway	J. W. Cox, Providence, Ala
South Carolina	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oak Ridge	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	24	37	2 00	1 00	3 00	2	H. B. Chappelle	H. L. Williams, Lineburg,
Spring Hill, P	5	4	3	..	..	..	8	18	26	2 00	1 00	3 00	4	M. G. Lofton	J. H. Stinson, Pickensville
Hebron	5	3	2	..	..	3	17	40	57	2 00	1 00	3 00	4	J. H. Curry	J. A. Pearson, Carrollton.
Big Creek	4	2	6	3	1	..	20	46	66	2 00	1 00	3 00	2	M. G. Lofton	W, P. Chappelle, Dillburgh
Cross Roads	17	2	..	..	..	1	11	31	42	1 00	50	1 50	1	J. P. Lee	J. H. Taylor, Carrollton,
Pickensville	2	2	1	..	..	..	16	19	35	2 00	1 00	3 00	1	J. H. Curry	J. E. McGee, Pickensville,
Carrollton	..	2	2	..	..	..	37	45	82	2 50	1 50	4 00	2	J. H. Curry	L. M. Stone, Carollton, Ala
Ebenezer	3	4	2	1	..	..	9	19	28	1 50	.. ..	1 50	3	J. G. Thornton	E. H. Noland, " "
Unity	4	1	4	..	1	..	13	33	46	2 00	50	2 50	1	S. Hildreth	W. P. Peden, Olney, Ala.
Enon	2	5	5	..	..	1	32	38	70	1 50	50	2 00	3	J. H. Curry	T. H. Sanders, Jr., Garden
Mt. Zion	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	23	36	.....	1 50	1 50	..	M. G. Lofton	Jas. Noland ..
Prairie	..	..	2	2	..	2	19	30	49	1 00	50	1 50	2	J. G. Thornton	W. C. Mayes, West Greene
Forest	..	..	2	..	..	4	31	54	85	2 50	50	3 00	1	M. G. Lofton	P. Noland, Pleasant Grove
Shiloh	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	22	34	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chalcedony	4	..	6	..	..	..	29	32	61	3 00	50	3 50	6	J. D. Hamner	W. C. Lancaster, Romulus
Nazareth	1	..	4	..	..	..	9	8	17	75	50	1 25	1	—Miller	R. Marlow, Romulus Ala.
Beulah	6	6	1	..	2	2	42	97	139	3 00	2 00	5 00	1	M. M. Wood	E. H. Lamb, Union, Ala.
Bethel	20	3	4	2	1	1	..	..	187	5 00	.....	5 00	6	M. M. Wood	J. P. Park, Hickman, Ala
New Hope	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	43	77	2 50	50	3 00	..	J. C. Foster	J. W. Robertson, Romulus.
Zion	..	..	..	..	..	4	9	18	27	1 00	50	1 50	2	J. D. Hamner	W. G. Berry, Sipsey T. pke
Grant'sCreek	11	3	3	3	1	3	51	81	132	3 00	2 00	5 00	1	J. C. Foster	R. H. Foster, Sylvan, Ala.
	..	69	..	20	16	35	709	1160	2177	62.2)	21.15	87.65	..		

H. B. CHAPPELLE, in account with Union Baptist Association.

To cash from Committee on Finance	CR.	$364 00
By cash paid for printing Minutes		$ 50 00
" " Executive Board		277 50
" " Clerk for services		25 00—352 80
To Balance		11.70

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known by the name of "*The Union Baptist Association*," which shall have the privilege of engaging in benevolent operations, for the purpose of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the furtherance of Christ's cause on earth. And also in advancing the cause of education, temperance and anything that may tend to ameliorate the condition of mankind—in these the churches and individual members are left free; and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship

3. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights; but shall merely be considered an advisory council, in all matters relating to their internal concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure, viz: If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction: if she fail of success, she shall call in the aid of two or more churches in our union, to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called, be not obtained the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call in aid from two or more churches, to assist in the work, and if a reconciliation be not effected, the helps so called, or the church may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association shall take no notice of any case of the above kind, unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline as found in the Scriptures of the New Testament.

4. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from her union who shall violate the Constitution, or shall depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

5. Each church in our union shall send to every annual session of the Association, written communications, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, the number of males, females, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, or deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to three delegates. Should any church fail to represent herself she shall state her reasons in her next letter to the Association.

7. New churches and churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into our union, by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox, the moderator shall manifest their reception by giving the delegates the right hand of christian fellowship.

8. The Association when convened, shall be governed by regular and proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her own views.

9. At every meeting of the Association, a Moderator shall be appointed by, and from the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed in like manner, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings. The clerk shall be treasurer, ex-officio, of this union.

10. The Association shall furnish the churches of our union with minutes of every session.

11. Every query sent by a particular church, must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it, but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

12. Queries which immediately concern the union, or state of the churches at large, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

13. Any church in our union, having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work; all presbyteries, in the ordaining of ministers or deacons, and in the constituting of churches shall be governed by the Articles of Faith adopted by this Association.

14. The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches; all monies thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the churches, by their delegates and paid over to the committee on finance: which committee shall be annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge all monies sent to the Association, dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make a fair and circumstantial report.

15. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session.

16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

17. This Association shall correspond with such other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

18. The Association shall, in all cases, (except to amend the Constitution,) be governed by a majority of the members present.

19. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

20. The Association shall, at each session, appoint one of her members to preach an introductory sermon at her next session; also, one or more to preach upon subjects of Benevolence, as she may think proper; and one to prepare a Circular Letter.

21. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association when two-thirds of her members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and Holy Ghost.—*Deut.* iv, 39; 1 *Cor.* viii, 6; and 1 *John* v, 7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.—2 *Tim.* iii, 16; *Rom.* xv and iii, 2.

3. We believe that Adam, by sin, fell from the state of purity in which he was created, that all his posterity are degenerate, and that all human nature is corrupt and depraved—*Rom.* iii, 12; *Gen.* i, 26–28; iii, 6–8.

4. We believe that man is utterly unable, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.—*Heb.* ix, 22–23; 1 *Peter* ii, 24; and iii, 18.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose his people in Christ, before the world began.—*Eph.* i, 3–5; Titus i, 1 and 2.

6. We believe in the Covenant of Redemption, and Salvation by Grace, entered into by the Sacred Three, in behalf of the elect, on whom grace and glory were settled forever, in Christ, their covenant head.—*Psalms*, lxxxix, 2–4; and xxvii, 37; *Eph.* i, 3–5; 2 *Tim.* i, 9.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only, and that they receive pardon and reconciliation through him.—*Rom.* iii, 22–26.

8. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the influence and operation of the Holy Spirit.—*1 Peter* i, 2; *Mat.* 3, 17.

9. We believe that Saints shall be preserved in Grace, and that none of them shall be lost.—*John* x, 27–29; *Romans* viii, 31–39; *2 Tim.* i, 9.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and punishment of the wicked, will be eternal.—*Job* xix, 5–27; *John* v, 28–29; *Matt.* xxv, 31, 34–41–46.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only fit subjects of Baptism; that nothing but immersion of the subject in water is *Baptism;* and that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

12. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, unless he has been regularly baptiz d, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery.—*Tim.* ii, 6–7: v, 21–22; *Titus* i, 5; *Acts*, xiii, 2–3.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. After reading of the letters from the different churches of this Union, a Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretional right to call to order at any time.

4. A member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and address the Moderator for permission to speak, and he, when thus addressed, shall signify his assent by naming the member, or otherwise.

6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it; if there are two or more motions before the Association on the same subject, at the same time, the first motion shall be first in order.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on, or withdrawn, before another shall be offered.

8. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for the debates, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject; the members in the affirmative shall signify the same by saying "aye," and those in the negative by saying "no," except in cases which cannot thus be satisfactorily determined; in such case they shall be tested by rising to their feet. The Moderator to pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.

9. No member shall depart from the services of the Association without leave.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates are gone through with.

11. The appellation of "brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their address, one to another.

12. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

13. No member shall be tolerated in any practice that tends to interrupt the speaking.

14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another member to his seat during the time, but he shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

15. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator, at his discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH GRANT'S CREEK CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA COUNTY, ALA., JULY 27TH, 28TH, AND 29TH, 1888.

FRIDAY, JULY 29th, 11 A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder H. B. Chappelle, Luke, 11 chap. 23 v.

2 P. M.—The Convention assembled and, on account of the death of the President, bro. Clarke Richey, bro. Jno. H. Stinson was chosen temporary President.

After devotional exercises the Convention was organized by the election of bro. John H. Stinson President, and Wm. G. Robertson, Secretary and Treasurer. There were 27 schools represented, either by letter or delegates.

The program prepared by the committee was adopted and proceedings conducted accordingly. The President appointed the usual committees.

The discussion of Query No. 1: What are the moral and religious influences of a Sabbath School?—Was opened by bro. R. H. Foster, and participated in by several brethren and, in view of the interest developed it was laid on the table for further use.

On account of the absence of Elder M. M. Wood, caused by sickness, to open the discussion of Query No. 2, to-morrow Eld. John H. Curry was chosen instead.

SATURDAY, 28th, 9 A. M.

After devotional exercises, a motion was adopted requesting bro. W. G. Robertson, to conduct Sunday School exercises on Sabbath morning, instead of Elder M. M. Wood, absent.

On motion, Article 7 of the Constitution was amended as follows: beginning after the words, "said Association," and before the words—"Who may be present etc.," these words, "and also all Superintendents of Baptist Sunday Schools within said Association."

Query No. 2.—How may a Sabbath School be killed?—Was opened by Elder M. G. Lofton, and after vigorous discussion by quite a number of brethren, was answered as follows: By the indifference of church members, and inefficiency of its officers.

Essay No. 1.—For good reasons was continued to next session. J. H. Stinson to write.

Query No. 3.—The Sabbath School—its influence and relationship to the Church—opened by Elder J. H. Curry, various brethren participating, was answered. It instructs, developes, and strengthens the Church.

Essay No. 2.—Woman's Work—Was read by Miss C. A. Parker, and highly appreciated by the Convention and congregation. On motion it was requested for publication in the ALABAMIAN and *Alabama Baptist*. Futher discussion was postponed to 2 p. m.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

After devotional exercises, the discussion of the essay on Woman's Work was resumed.

The report on Temperance sets out by saying, Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of the christian character. Intemperance is contrary to the law of God and, hence, a sin. The evils of intemperance from the use of intoxicating liquors, calls upon the christian world, to use all prudent and lawful measures to prohibit the sale and use of ardent spirits.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was read and adopted. The report, in some respects, takes a more hopeful view of the work, and of a more encouraging nature than of any former year. The churches have come to realize that this is a work that promotes their health and prosperity, and cannot be neglected without detriment to the cause, consequently more interest has been taken and better schools the result. There has been much progress made in the study of the scriptures.

The committee on Documents report that the letters from the schools give us abundant reason for gratitude to God, for the good work done during the year.

The committee on Queries and Essays report as follows :

Query No. 1.—Duty of developing the Missionary spirit in our Sunday Schools. Opened by bros. S. S. Thornton and S. H. Know.

No. 2.—What are our people reading, and what kind of literature should be used in our Sabbath School? By Eld. M. G. Lofton.

No. 3.—What should be the measure of Christian giving? By Elder J. L. Ray.

No. 4.—What are the difficulties in Sabbath School work, and how shall we meet them? By J. A. Maharry.

Essay 1.—Systematic Benevolence. By Miss Bessie Willett.

No. 2.—The object of Sabbath Schools. By M. B. Curry.

No. 3.—How can we best enlist the whole church in Sabbath School work? By Miss Annie Chambers.

No. 4.—How symmetrical christian manhood is to be attained. By John H. Stinson.

The next Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder J. G. Thornton, alternate, Elder J. L. Ray; and the Missionary Sermon, by Elder M. M. Wood, alternate, Elder J. H. Curry.

The next session of the Convention will be held at Pickensville Friday before the first Sabbath in September 1889. The Finance committee reported $26.25 sent up by the schools.

TRIBUTE TO CLARKE RICHEY, LATE PRESIDENT.

Resolved that it is with profound sorrow, that we are called upon to mourn the death of so good a man as our dear brother Clarke Richey. He was ready at all times for every good word and work; upright in all his dealings; a prudent and safe counsellor, faithful, diligent and patient; and one of our best Sabbath School Superintendents and workers. Yea he rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

On motion, all of our schools are requested to use Kind Words Literature, as we believe they are equal to all others, and best adapted to our use.

Thanks are returned to the brethren and community for the manner in which they entertained the Convention.

The Secretary received the hearty thanks of the Convention for the faithful discharge of his duties in connection with the Sunday School work.

SABBATH, 9 A. M.

Sunday School was conducted according to previous appointment.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder M. G. Lofton to a large and attentive congregation, and the collection amounted to $29.15.

After having enjoyed one of the most delightful and profitable of its sessions the Convention adjourned.

W .G. ROBERTSON, Sec. JOHN H. STINSON, Pres.

STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

SCHOOLS.	Teachrs		Pupils		TOTAL.	SUPERINTEND'S	POST-OFFICES.
	Males	Females.	Males	Females			
Bethlehem						T B Branch	Coalfire, Alabama.
Liberty.	4	2	31	32	69	J W Harris.....	Reform, "
Fellowship	3	3	37	31	77	Benj. Pearson..	" "
Corinth	4	4	51	44	103	Jas Mitchell ...	Sipsey Turnpike, Ala.
Flat Woods	2	1	34	25	62	B F Plowman ..	Temple, Alabama ....
Spring Hill	2	2	61	44	109	J R Goodman...	Gentry, Alabama.
Millport ..	1	2	15	21	37	O F McAdams .	Millport, "
Kennedy ..	1	2	40	35	78	S W Vice	Kennedy, "
Vandever	1	1	25	20	47	S W Vice	" "
McBee ...	1	2	24	28	54	W M Rhodes. ...	McBee, "
Arbor Spng	2	2	30	15	49	T J McCreary...	Palmetto "
Spring Hill	1	2	16	20	39	C D Harper	Pickensville, "
Hebron ..	2	1	24	29	48	J A Goree.....	Carrollton, "
Big Creek							
Crs roads	1	1	13	18	33	Jo N Mullins ..	Carrollton, "
Pickensv'le	2	2	15	26	45	J J Ball	Pickensville, "
Carrollton	2	3	52	38	97	W G Robertson..	Carrollton, "
Enon	3	2	37	22	57	J D Hines	Garden, "
Mt. Zion	2		11	19	32	James Noland	Bethany, "
Prairie	1		11	5	18	W C Mayes ...	West Greene, "
Forest ...	2	2	28	16	48	I Teer.	Benevola, "
Shiloh ...	1	1	19	16	37	A P Smith	Jena, "
Oak Grove.	1	2	14	13	30	David Cork	" "
Chalcedony	1	1	12	9	23	J R Strickland.	Romulus, "
Nazareth	1	1	10	10	22	A D Jones	" "
Beulah ...	1	3	30	20	55	S S Thornton....	Union, "
Bethel. ...	6	2	33	47	88	R D Lucius. ...	Hickman, "
New Hope	2		15	15	32	J H Robertson .	Romulus, "
Zion.	2	2	12	8	24	Berry Shirley...	Raleigh, "
Grant'sCrk	4	1	25	27	57	J A Maharry....	Foster's, "
Sylvan.	1	6	24	30	61	R H Foster.....	Sylvan, "
Pleasant H	3	2	23	22	51	H B Chappelle.	Dillburgh, "
Coalfire .	2	2	17	13	34	E J Daffin	Coalfire, "
Unity.....	2	1	12	15	30	J E Corder	Bethany,
Total	66	69	788	729	1652		

NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

IN THIS ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

D. O. Baird,	Coalfire,	Pickens	County,	Alabama.
J. A. Estes,	"	"	"	"
R. B. Wilkins,	Reform,	"	"	"
H. B. Chappelle,	Dillburgh,	"	"	"
J. H. Curry,	Carrollton,	"	"	"
J. S. Wooten,	Beard's,	"	"	"
S. Hildreth,	Pickensville,	"	"	"
J. M. Land,	"	"	"	"
J. P. Lee,	"	"	"	"
M. G. Lofton,	Garden,	"	"	"
J. S. Shirley,	Raleigh,	"	"	"
W. J. Beatty,	Gordo,	"	"	"
J. G. Thornton,	Benevola,	"	"	"
J. C. Foster,	Foster's,	Tuscaloosa	"	"
J. D. Hamner,	Romulus	"	"	"
J. H. M. Anders,	"	"	"	"
Henry Hitt,*	"	"	"	"
J. L. Ray,	Knoxville,	Greene	"	"
M. M. Wood,	"	"	"	"
J. R. Goodman,*	Gentry,	Lamar	"	"

Ordained Ministers	18
Licentiates	2